

# HONORING THE DEDICATED LIFE AND WORK OF MR. JAMES A. WILDING

## HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. James A. Wilding, an outstanding citizen of Northern Virginia who has served his community and country for almost half a century.

Mr. Wilding will retire from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority this month after 43 years of service. Revered as a leader in both the public and private sectors, Jim will leave behind a legacy of dedication and excellence beyond compare.

Jim graduated from the Catholic University of America as a Civil Engineer in 1959. He then joined the Federal Aviation Administration, where his key role in the transformation of the Washington region began. Jim was one of the original planners of the Washington Dulles International Airport. En route to his position as Chief Engineer, Jim advanced through the ranks of the FAA, working in many different engineering capacities on both Washington Dulles International and Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport. By 1979, Jim had successfully mastered the positions of Chief Engineer, Deputy Director, and finally Director of the FAA's Metropolitan Washington Airports.

Upon the 1987 transfer of the region's airports to the new Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, Jim began his tenure as that organization's President. He continued to implement his vision of a globally connected Washington area, easily accessible by world-class air facilities. Of course, this vision was far removed from reality; the region's current economic prosperity may obscure the collective memory of the wholly government-centered Metropolitan area of 50 years ago. Mr. Wilding's involvement in the region's air service played a large role in changing that. He oversaw a capital development program of more than 3 billion dollars at the two federally owned airports in the region and led the modernization of Reagan National Airport. Dulles also underwent major growth in the 1990's. Under Jim's leadership, passenger activity at the two airports has almost doubled to 31 million passengers in 2002.

Widely acknowledged as an expert in the aviation industry, Jim has won numerous awards, including the highest award in the Transportation Department: the Secretary of Transportation's Gold Medal. He has served namely as Chairman of the Airports Council International—North America, as President of the Aero Club of Washington, and has served on the Board of Directors of the regional organization, and on the Board of its worldwide parent based in Geneva, Switzerland. Currently, he serves on the Policy Review Committee of the American Association of Airport Executives.

The United Way Campaign of Arlington County, Virginia is only one of the many regional groups indebted to Jim for his support and active participation. Jim is a member of the Economic Development Commission of Arlington County and has served on the Board of Directors as well as the Executive Com-

mittee of the Arlington County Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Advisory Board of the Eno Transportation Foundation, and currently serves on the Board of the Washington, DC Convention and Tourism Corporation, on both the Board of Directors and Executive Committee of the Dulles Area Transportation Association, and has served on the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board.

The people of Northern Virginia join these organizations in their debt of gratitude to Jim Wilding, and extend him heartfelt thanks for his continuing role in advancing the prosperity of the Washington region. Mr. Chairman, the life and service of this Virginian serve as a shining example to all who wish to improve the well-being of their community through dynamic public and private activity.

## TRIBUTE TO DR. MYLES MARTEL

### HON. DAVE CAMP

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. CAMP. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Dr. Myles Martel in celebration of his 60th birthday.

Dr. Martel has been involved with the United States political process for decades, leaving behind him a legacy of leadership. He came to prominence serving as former President Ronald Reagan's personal debate advisor, after which he moved on to become an advisor to the White House Office of Communications. Dr. Martel has also served as a speech advisor to ambassadors, congressmen, senators, governors and cabinet members. His expertise has awarded him many honors, including the George Washington Honor Medal, and the Distinguished Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Martel has published five books, and has been quoted by many nationally recognized newsmagazines and newspapers.

I am honored today to recognize Dr. Myles Martel for his many accomplishments, and to wish him the best on the celebration of his 60th birthday.

## TRIBUTE TO REVEREND RONALD L. BAILEY, D. MIN.

### HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to an outstanding individual who has dedicated his life to serving others, the Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Bailey, D. Min., who on April 26 of this year was elevated to the position of Bishop by the Love Gospel Assembly, a non-denominational church serving over 2,500 members within my Congressional district in the South Bronx.

Dr. Bailey was born and raised in Harlem, New York, and is the Senior Pastor of Love Gospel Assembly, one of the larger multi-faceted, multi-cultural ministries in New York City.

Dr. Bailey was ordained in 1987 by the late Bishop Gerald Julius Kaufman, founder of Love Gospel Assembly, who also mentored

Dr. Bailey in full-time ministry for eight years. Dr. Bailey's life and work as he labored beside Dr. Kaufman have built on the foundation of ministry to and for the poor and inner cities that was clearly articulated and demonstrated by Dr. Kaufman and continued the important work of Love Gospel Assembly.

Dr. Bailey has a Bachelor of Arts in Theological Studies, a Master of Arts in Theology from Evangelical Theological Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry (D. Min) from United Theological Seminary in conjunction with Robert Schuller's School for Preaching (Fuqua School of Communication).

Dr. Bailey sits on the Board of Directors for The Urban Youth Alliance Inc., the Steering Committee for the Bronx National Day of Prayer, and the Board of Directors for the Concerts of Prayer, Greater New York.

Dr. Ronald L. Bailey has been married for 35 years to Dorothy Bailey and they have three children, Ron, Jr., Rachel, and Danielle and one grandchild, Anaiah.

Among other things, Dr. Bailey serves meals to over 700 people weekly, conducts a food pantry and provides clothing to the needy.

As it is written in Hebrews 6:10, "for God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them," the community recognizes him and honors him with this consecration.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to and in congratulating the Reverend Dr. Ronald L. Bailey, D. Min. on his consecration as Bishop of Love Gospel Assembly.

## CONGRATULATIONS, MONSIGNOR JOSEPH SEMANCIK ON 50TH AN- NIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

### HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and sincerity that I wish to congratulate Monsignor Joseph Semancik as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. He will be honored by his parishioners with a luncheon following an 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Parish in East Chicago, Indiana on Sunday, May 2, 2003.

A native of Northwest Indiana, Monsignor Semancik was born in Whiting on March 3, 1929 to Frank Semancik and Lillian Duray. He attended St. John the Baptist School and Catholic Central High School. After graduating from high school, Monsignor Semancik's passion for his faith led him to study at Sacred Heart Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and later at St. Meinrad Seminary in Southern Indiana. He was ordained into the priesthood on May 1, 1953, and this important event became a stepping stone for his lifelong dedication to the citizens of Northwest Indiana.

Monsignor Semancik began his career as an Assistant Priest for Assumption Parish in East Chicago and at St. Catherine of Siena in Hammond, Indiana. He was appointed administrator at Sacred Heart Parish in 1960, a position he held until being named pastor at Holy Trinity Church in Gary in 1969. After five years as pastor for Holy Trinity, Monsignor

Semancik returned to Sacred Heart as pastor, a position he has held to this day.

Mr. Speaker, in addition to his exceptional efforts to guide his congregation at Sacred Heart, Monsignor Semancik also has worked extensively with Catholic Charities in Northwest Indiana. He began his mission with Catholic Charities in 1960, and was named Diocesan Director in 1962, a position he held until 1998. Under his guidance, the agency provided social services throughout the four counties that comprise Northwest Indiana and expanded to seven offices throughout the region. Monsignor Semancik has also served Catholic Charities, USA as a member of the Board of Directors, as well as serving as a member of the Study Cadre that redirected the mission of Catholic Charities. He also ably served as Chairman of various Catholic Charities's committees.

Monsignor Semancik has also enriched the Northwest Indiana community through his work in other community organizations, such as serving as the President of both the Lake County Economic Opportunity Council and the Lake County Community Development Council. He was one of the founders of the Indiana Catholic Conference and of the Hospice of the Calumet Area. He has received many commendations for his work, including the Sagamore of the Wabash Award, the highest honor bestowed by the Governor of Indiana.

Mr. Speaker, at this time I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in congratulating Monsignor Joseph Semancik as he celebrates the 50th anniversary of his ordination into the priesthood. Monsignor Semancik has been a fixture in Northwest Indiana throughout his career in the ministry, and he has touched the lives of many throughout the community. His unselfish and lifelong dedication to those in need is worthy of the highest commendation, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

#### IN HONOR OF THE POLISH AMERICAN CONGRESS OHIO DIVISION

##### HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the Polish American Congress, Ohio Division, as they celebrate their 54th anniversary—sharing their cultural gifts along a parade route lined with food, song and joyous celebration.

On May 18, 1949, the Ohio Division of The Polish American Congress was founded. The Polish American Congress is composed of individuals of Polish ancestry as well as Polish organizations. The group serves as a unifying force for both Polish Americans and Polish citizens living in America. Taking a positive stand on issues concerning the people of Poland, the group strives to attain a free market economy within the framework of a democratic society.

The goal of The Polish American Congress is to make Americans of Polish heritage more successful U.S. citizens by encouraging them to assume the responsibilities of citizenship. In addition, the group supports fraternal, professional, religious, and civic associations dedicated to the improvement of the status of all Americans of Polish heritage.

It is evident that the Polish American Congress has played a crucial role in the Polish Community, and in its many years of service has been an invaluable contribution to the Cleveland Community.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor and celebration of the Polish American Congress, as they celebrate 54 years of service to their members and to the Cleveland community.

#### IN HONOR OF DR. DEVARAJAN P. IYENGAR

##### HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Devarajan P. Iyengar for his contributions to the medical field and his dedication to the people of Jersey City, Kearny, and Bayonne, New Jersey. He was honored by the Bayonne Community Cancer Support Group at Puccini's Restaurant on April 26, 2003 in Bayonne.

For over 20 years, Dr. Iyengar has dedicated himself to providing quality care for the people of Bayonne and surrounding areas. Currently director of oncology at Bayonne Medical Center and chairperson of the Transfusion and Cancer Care Committees, Dr. Iyengar has served on the staffs of Christ Hospital, Greenville Hospital and Union Hospital in Jersey City; West Hudson Hospital in Kearny; and Bayonne Medical Center since 1993. Dr. Iyengar is committed to providing a level of care that goes beyond the average standard of health care. He recently helped found the Bayonne Community Cancer Support Group and is well known for taking the time to provide additional support for his patients and their families.

Dr. Iyengar earned his degree in medicine from the University in Baroda, India and completed his residency at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. After finishing his fellowship in oncology and hematology at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, he was a research associate and later an attending physician for Newark Beth Israel. Dr. Iyengar is a fellow at the Academy of Medicine of New Jersey and a member of the American Society of Breast Disease.

Dr. Iyengar and his wife, Dr. Rekha Iyengar, a radiation oncologist, have three sons, Arjun, Ashwin and Arvind.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Dr. Devarajan P. Iyengar for his years of service and dedication to the medical community and to the people of New Jersey.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SONOMA VALLEY CHORALE

##### HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Sonoma Valley Chorale as this organization celebrates its 30th anniversary.

The Sonoma Valley Chorale was founded in 1973 by Jim Griewe. It's first performance space was in the Pioneer Chapel of the First Congregational Church of Sonoma. As the membership grew, the Chorale relocated, first to St. Francis Solano Church and finally to the Veterans' Memorial Building.

Sonoma Valley Chorale, Inc. has a member-administered Board of Directors and serves as an umbrella organization for the 130 voice Choral, Chamber Ensemble, Orchestra, Sonoma Valley Children's Chorus and for community programs promoting small ensemble performances.

During its 30 year history, the Chorale has received many musical honors and has toured France, Italy, the United Kingdom and the New England states. The Chorale was featured during both the 10th anniversary concert series of the Napa Valley Symphony and the 50th anniversary concert gala of the Santa Rosa Symphony.

Guest conductors have included world renowned composer-conductor Jester Hariston. In 2000 the Chorale performed the world premier of "Come Life, Shaker Life" by American composer Gwyneth Walker. This work was commissioned by and composed specifically for the Sonoma Valley Chorale and its music director, Jim Griewe.

The Chorale's repertoire ranges from 1100 AD to the present and spans musical genres from Gregorian chants to Broadway show tunes.

Mr. Speaker, the Sonoma Valley Chorale is an integral part of the cultural landscape of the First Congressional District and a true treasure for the people of the Sonoma Valley. It is therefore appropriate that we acknowledge and honor the Sonoma Valley Chorale, its founder and director Jim Griewe, and the hundreds of voices who have contributed to the legacy and success of this organization.

#### HONORING HERBERT ADAMS

##### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 1, 2003

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor a distinguished veteran of our armed forces, Herbert Adams.

Mr. Adams served our nation as a member of the United States Army where he was awarded numerous medals for his distinguished service on the battlefield. Following his service in World War Two, the governments of Belgium and the Netherlands recognized Mr. Adams' role in freeing those nations from the Nazi regime.

In addition to the European medals awarded to Mr. Adams, he received numerous American medals including the Purple Heart; the Bronze Star; the Combat Infantry Badge; the Army Occupation with German Clasp; the Honorable Service Lapel Button for World War Two; and the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal with four Bronze Service Stars.

I am grateful for Mr. Adams' service. He distinguished himself on the battlefield through bravery, strength, and commitment to the American cause of ridding Europe of the Nazi menace.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my sincere thanks to Mr. Adams for bravely fighting in defense of